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In the Specification

*On page 8, paragraph 3, starting at line 13, please amend as follows:*

A super absorbent polymer can be incorporated as middle layer 25 of the pad. This super absorbent polymer is highly absorbent and available in a variety of particle sizes. The various particle sizes and their absorbent characteristics are described in the manufacturer's specifications enclosed herein. ~~[[known generically as a silica aerogel or hydrated silica, includes such compositions as silicon dioxide, silicon carbide, elemental silicon and various sodium silicate salts.]]~~ Super absorbent polymer can be purchased from manufacturers such as GELOCK in Dayton, Ohio which sells super absorbent polymer alone or with baking soda included in a desired ratio. ~~[[The preferred]]~~ Another composition contains amorphous silicon dioxide, known generically as a silica aerogel or hydrated silica, includes such compositions as silicon dioxide, silicon carbide, elemental silicon and various sodium silicate salts. ~~[[These compounds are highly absorbent and available in a variety of particle sizes. The various particle sizes and their absorption characteristics are described in the manufacturer's specifications enclosed herein. They can be readily formed into silica gels.]]~~ Although generally considered nontoxic, silica gels are so absorbent and capable of binding tightly to wet surfaces that an inherent risk exists upon accidental ingestion. Use of the silica gels alone as a desiccant or super absorbent